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Report Highlights:

The Ministerial Council allocated a 1 MMT import quota for wheat at a zero tariff rate to the Turkish Grain Board (TMO) on December 22, 2010. The quota can be used until December 31, 2011. Also, an amendment was published in the Official Gazette dated December 22, 2010 which decreased the import duty on feeder cattle to zero from 20% and the duty on sheep and lamb imports from 225% to 20%.

General Information:

New decisions impacting imports of wheat, red meat, and live cattle:

The Ministerial Council allocated a 1 MMT duty free wheat import quota to the Turkish Grain Board (TMO) on December 22, 2010. The quota can be used until December 31, 2011. TMO is not expected to import wheat in December and January but is expected to open tenders for export and import of wheat and export of barley starting from February 2010.

Another new import regime amendment was published in the Official Gazette dated December 22, 2010 which decreased the import tariff on feeder cattle to zero from 20% and decreased the duty on live sheep and lamb imports from 225% to 20% and allows continued imports of red meat including lamb and sheep meat and slaughter and feeder cattle. Previous amendments allowed fattening cattle imports until April 2011 and red meat and slaughter cattle imports until the end of December 2010. There is no deadline announced for the new tariff reductions.

Previous announcements on red meat and cattle quotas:

From the 100,000 MT of live slaughter cattle and meat imports permitted in the June 29, 2010 Official Gazette announcement, the Meat and Fish institute (EKB) used 50,000 MT so far. EKB has 6,000 MT of red meat and 35,000 head of slaughter cattle in its stocks. Now that the cutoff date for imports was changed from December 31 to December 2011, EKB can use the remaining quota to try to address future price increases in the market.

According to the August 7 and August 13 amendments in the Official Gazette, the tariff for imported live fattening cattle decreased from 135% to 40% until 04/01/2011 and the tariff for live slaughtering cattle decreased to 40% from 135% until 12/31/2010.

A September 19, 2010 amendment further reduced the tariff for live slaughter cattle to 30% and the tariff for live lamb (one year old and younger) to 20% from 135%. The tariff for red carcass meat (including sheep and lamb) was also reduced to 30% from 225%, until January 1, 2011.

Table 1: New custom duty for live slaughter cattle and red meat

HS CODE	NAME OF PRODUCT	PREVIOUS			PAST	CURRENT
		EU&EFTA	B.HERZ	OTHERS		
0102.90.05.00.00	Live Domestic Bovines Of A Weight <= 80 Kg (Excl. Pure-Bred Breeding Animals)	20	20	20	135	0
0102.90.29.00.00	Live Domestic Bovines Of A Weight Of > 80 Kg And <= 160 Kg (Excl. Animals For Slaughter And Pure-Bred Breeding Animals)	20	20	20	135	0
0102.90.49.00.00	Live Domestic Bovines Of A Weight Of > 160 Kg And <= 300 Kg (Excl. Animals For Slaughter And Pure-Bred Breeding	20	20	20	135	0

	Animals)					
0102.90.71.00.00	Live Domestic Bovines Of A Weight Of > 300 Kg, For Slaughter	30	30	30	135	30
0104.10.30.00.00	Live Lambs "Sheep Up To A Year Old" (Excl. Purebred Breeding Animals)	20	20	20	135	20
0104.10.80.00.00	Live Sheep (Excl. Lambs And Pure-Bred Breeding Animals)	20	20	20	135	20
0201.10.00.00.00	Carcasses Or Half-Carcasses Of Bovine Animals, Fresh Or Chilled	30	30	30	225	30
0201.20.20.00.00	"Compensated" Quarters Of Bovine Animals With Bone In, Fresh Or Chilled	30	30	30	225	30
0201.20.30.00.00	Unseparated Or Separated Forequarters Of Bovine Animals, With Bone In, Fresh Or Chilled	30	30	30	225	30
0201.20.50.00.00	Unseparated Or Separated Hindquarters Of Bovine Animals, With Bone In, Fresh Or Chilled	30	30	30	225	30
0202.10.00.00.00	Carcasses And Half-Carcasses Of Veal, Frozen	30	30	30	225	30
0202.20.10.00.00	Frozen "Compensated" Bovine Quarters, With Bone In	30	30	30	225	30
0202.20.30.00.00	Frozen Unseparated Or Separated Bovine Forequarters, With Bone In	30	30	30	225	30
0202.20.50.00.00	Frozen Unseparated Or Separated Bovine Hindquarters, With Bone In	30	30	30	225	30

Table 2: New sheep and lamb meat tariff

HS CODE	NAME OF PRODUCT	EU&EFTA	B.HERZ	OTHERS	PREVIOUS
020410	Carcasses & Half -Carcasses Of Lamb: Fresh Or Chilled	30	30	30	225
020421	Carcasses & Half-Carcasses Of Sheep: Fresh Or Chilled	30	30	30	225

020430	Carcasses & Half-Carcasses Of Lamb: Frozen	30	30	30	225
020441	Carcasses & Half-Carcasses Of Sheep: Frozen	30	30	30	225